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1. SUMMARY: IN FURTHER EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES WITH WALDHEIM ON VIENNA RESUMPTION, GOC POSITION HAS HARDENED. UNLESS THERE IS SOME UNEXPECTED BREAK-THROUGH, DE CUELLAR DOUBTS VIENNA RESUMPTION WILL TAKE PLACE PLACE. END SUMMARY.

2. UNSYG SPEC REP DE CUELLAR BRIEFED ME EVENING FEBRUARY 6 ON DEVELOPMENTS SINCE TRANSOUTTAL REFTEL.

3. IN BRIEF, WALDHEIM'S FEBRUARY 5 REPLY TO GOC RESPONSE TO HIS COMPROMISE FORMULA FOR VIENNA RESUMPTION ASKED MAKARIOS IF HE COULD NOT AGREE ON FREE DISCUSSION OF ALL THREE AGENDA ITEMS (TERRITORY, FEDERATION AND CENTRAL GOVERNMENT POWERS) WITHOUT PRE-CONDITIONS OR PIECES OF PAPER. WHEN DE CUELLAR PUT THIS TO MAKARIOS FEBRUARY 5, MAKARIOS
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SAID TENTATIVELY YES. BUT HE ADDED INSISTENCE

THAT VIENNA BE "A DIALOGUE NOT A MONOLOGUE". HE WOULD HAVE TO BE ASSURED THROUGH SYG THAT TURKS WOULD PRESENT THEIR OWN ORAL PROPOSALS; TURKS' COMMENTS ON GOC PROPOSALS WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE ENOUGH. MAKARIOS STATED THAT HIS REPLY CONDITIONED ON DISCUSSION IN NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS MEETING WITH DE CUELLAR.

4. FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES DELIVERED GOC'S FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO DE CUELLAR LATE FEBRUARY). GOC POSITION HAD HARDENED MARKEDLY. IN ITS MESSAGE TO WALDHEIM, GOC INSISTED BOTH SIDES MUST PRESENT PROPOSALS IN WRITING ON ALL SUBJECTS.

5. IN REVIEWING FOREGOING WITH ME, DE CUELLAR SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW AND BARRING FURTHER UNEXPECTED BREAKTHROUGH, VIENNA RESUMPTION FEBRUARY 17 IS NOW IMPOSSIBLE. SYG CANNOT BUY ONTO A FORMULA FOR CERTAIN FAILURE. EVEN A POSTPONEMENT SEEMED RULED OUT AS DENKTASH HAS SAID IT IS FEBRUARY 17 OR NOT AT ALL. DE CUELLAR REMARKED RUEFULLY THAT, OBJECTIVELY, HE COULD SYMPATHIZE WITH GREEK OBJECTIONS TO TURKISH REFORMULATION OF BRUSSELI , BUT AS A UN DIPLOMAT HE HAD TO KEEP TRYING. UNFORTUNATELY, HE DID NOT SEE WHAT MORE COULD BE DONE IN FACE OF THE NOW HARDENED GREEK POSITION. DE CUELLAR TOLD ME HE HAD REFRAINED FROM SEEING DENKTASH DURING THIS WEEK WHILE GREEK POSITION REMAINED UNCLEAR. (DENKTASH LEAVES FOR ANKARA FEB 8).

6. LATER IN THE EVENING FEBRUARY 6, GOC FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES TOLD ME THERE MIGHT STILL BE SLIGHT HOPE FOR RESUMPTION IF WALDHEIM WERE ABLE TO CAPITALIZE ON ONE OPTION LEFT OPEN BY GOC POSITWON AS COMMUNICATED TO DE CUELLAR. CHRISTOPHIDES SAID HE HAD INFORMED DE CUELLAR THAT GOC WOULD GO TO VIENNA AND PRESENT A TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL IF IT COULD BE ASSURED NOW REPEAT NOW THAT TURKS WOULD REPLY TO THIS BY A FIXED DATE AFTER VIENNA. WITHOUT SUCH
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ASSURANCE CHRISTOPHIDES SAID MAKARIOS HAD CONCLUDED THAT IT WAS NOT WORTH THE RISK OF FORMULATING A PROPOAL ON TERRITORY WHICH HOWEVER DRAWN WOULD LEAVE OUT AREAS OF CONCERN TO SOME REFUGEES WITH INEVITABLE ATTACKS FROM THOSE GROUPS.

7. COMMENT: WHILE DE CUELLAR DID NOT MENTION THIS

ASPECT TO ME, I ASSUME THAT ON THE BASIS OF HIS
EARLIER CONVERSATIONS WITH DENKTASH AND TURKISH EMBASSY,
HE CONSIDERS IT TO BE A NON-STARTER WITH THE
TURKISH SIDE.
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